CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

#### THE CITY OF LINCOLN

#### General

Lincoln, the capital of Nebraska, is located in southeastern Nebraska near the center of population of the state. The City was originally incorporated in 1869. It is approximately midway between Chicago and Denver. It has an area of 79.61 square miles, and in its growth and development has annexed five other municipalities so that the City includes most of the urban area of Lancaster County. It enjoys a unique position in Nebraska as the center of the state governmental and educational activities. It is currently one of the fastest growing non-Sunbelt cities in the U.S. and one of the fastest growing metro areas in the Midwest.

#### **Population**

The 1960 population of the City was 128,521; the 1970 population was 149,510; the 1980 population was 171,932; the 1990 population was 191,972; and the 2000 population was 225,588, a 17.5 percent increase over the 1990 count. The 2000 count represents approximately 90 percent of the population of Lancaster County, the county in which the City is located. The estimated 2004 population is 238,750.

#### City Government

The City, operating under a home rule charter, has a mayor-council form of government with an elected full-time chief executive, the Mayor, and an elected legislative body, the Council, composed of seven members. Three are elected at large and four by district on a nonpartisan basis for a term of four years. The administration of City government is performed under the direction of the Mayor by administrative departments.

City government has a broad range of responsibilities, including electric, water, and sanitary sewer systems, and an impressive park and playground system of over 5,891 acres maintained for public use, eleven public swimming pools, and five public golf courses. The City has cooperated actively with the county government in several joint governmental buildings, and in other specific areas of responsibility, including health, planning, civil defense, data processing, tax collection, parks, and jail facilities. There are cooperative agreements with the United States government on parks and flood control, with the University of Nebraska on planning and property transfer, with the area Watershed District on flood control, and with the Lincoln School District on recreation.

#### **Transportation**

The Lincoln metropolitan area is served by Interstate 80, U.S. Routes 6, 34, and 77 and State Highway 2.

Scheduled air service is provided by United Express, American Eagle, and Northwest Airlink. The City's modern airport has three runways (one of which is 12,900 feet in length) which can accommodate any type of modern aircraft.

Railroad transportation facilities include those of Burlington Northern & Santa Fe, Union Pacific, and AMTRAK, and bus transportation is furnished by one carrier.

#### **Government Center**

The State Capitol, an architectural achievement located in Lincoln, is considered one of the most impressive in all the 50 states. Other state governmental facilities in the City include the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications facility, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission headquarters, the Lincoln Regional Center (state hospital), the Nebraska State Fair Park, and the Nebraska Penal Complex.

Federal agencies in Lincoln include regional offices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Mid-West Regional Technical Service Center), the Immigration & Naturalization Service and the Veterans Administration, as well as the state offices of other federal agencies. There is also a U.S. Veterans Medical Facility.

Lancaster County offices are also located in Lincoln, the county seat.

#### **Education**

The University of Nebraska, with approximately 21,792 students, Nebraska Wesleyan University, with approximately 1,500 students, Union College with approximately 937 students, and Southeast Community College, with a number of facilities for both full-time and part-time occupational training, are in the City of Lincoln. The City's modern and progressive school system, with an enrollment of over 32,270 is served by 6 senior high schools, 11 middle schools, and 36 elementary schools. There are also 32 private and parochial schools in the City with an enrollment of approximately 6,680 students.

#### **Building Permits and Property Values**

#### LAST TEN YEARS

	COMMERC	CIAL 1	RESIDENTIAL 1						
	CONSTRU	CTION	CONSTRU	JCTION					
FISCAL	#		#		_	PROPERT	Ϋ́	VALUE 2	
YEAR	PERMITS	VALUE	PERMITS	VALUE		COMMERCIAL		RESIDENTIAL	TOTALS
2004	1,061 \$	258,670,339	3,846 \$	321,126,701	\$	3,694,097,147	\$	9,444,419,079	\$ 13,138,516,226
2003	1,036	269,298,229	3,913	315,666,242		3,598,787,015		8,402,403,364	12,001,190,379
2002	1,013	245,476,386	3,405	262,293,941		3,094,988,486		7,255,640,292	10,350,628,778
2001	1,017	215,856,679	3,212	231,390,626		2,855,200,333		7,048,688,380	9,903,888,713
2000	1,069	181,983,107	3,385	225,622,611		2,540,905,431		6,273,610,610	8,814,516,041
1999	1,148	186,569,754	3,235	206,065,342		2,356,367,014		6,067,493,586	8,423,860,600
1998	1,093	119,532,867	3,109	185,894,741		2,132,780,337		5,726,511,673	7,859,292,010
1997	1,107	90,599,429	3,284	191,975,903		1,986,422,642		4,863,604,491	6,850,027,133
1996	1,212	148,033,633	2,976	167,561,114		1,840,136,792		4,676,645,258	6,516,782,050
1995	1,140	110,994,400	2,739	146,598,151		1,734,716,053		4,508,422,380	6,243,138,433

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> City of Lincoln, Building and Safety Department.

#### Police and Fire Protection

Lincoln has fourteen fire stations manned by 244 firefighters and two police stations with 303 police officers.

#### City Employee Information

For the 2004-2005 fiscal year, contracts have been signed with all of our unions. Unions include: the Lincoln Police Union (LPU) representing police officers; the International Association of Firefighters (IAF) representing firefighters, the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) representing transit workers, the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) representing labor, trades, and clerical personnel, and the City Employees Association (CEA) representing supervisory, highly technical, and professional personnel. The LPU, CEA and NAGE contracts expire at the end of August, 2005; the ATU contract expires at the end of August, 2006; and the IAF contract expires at the end of August, 2008.

Since the inception of labor contracts in 1970, the City of Lincoln has been able to handle its labor relations in such a manner as to avoid interruptions, although it has been necessary to use the facilities of the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations on issues involving the International Association of Firefighters, International Brotherhood of Police Officers, and the union representing labor, trades, and clerical personnel.

#### Industrial and Business Activity

The industrial development statutes permit Nebraska counties and municipalities to issue revenue bonds to acquire sites and construct buildings for lease to industry seeking expansion and relocation. In addition to land and building costs, costs such as grading, utility lines, trackage, etc., may be included in the total cost financed by the bond issue.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Lancaster County Assessor.

Currently, there are more than 200 firms representing over 120 types of manufacturing, evidence of Lincoln's diversified industrial interests. These include printing and publishing, metal fabrication firms, grain storage and feed manufacturers, planing mills, fire protection systems, pharmaceuticals, electrical and electronic goods and many others. Lincoln is the home office of 20 insurance companies, whose combined assets are over \$2 billion. The financial interests of Lincoln are served by 15 banks with over \$9 billion in total assets and 7 Savings & Loans with over \$7 billion in total assets.

Lincoln is proud to have some of the nation's leading industrial companies as local employers, including Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Burlington Northern Railroad, Archer-Daniels-Midlands Company, Kawasaki Motors Corporation USA, and Square D.

#### SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

## LINCOLN SMSA (LANCASTER COUNTY) NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	JUNE 30	, 2004	<b>DECEMBER 31, 2004</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	Employed	of Total	Employed	of Total
Industry Manufacturing:				
Durable Goods	7,515	4.6	7,425	4.5
Nondurable Goods	6,944	4.3	6,873	4.2
Total Industry Manufacturing	14,459	8.9	14,298	8.7
Nonmanufacturing:				
Natural Resource & Construction	8,961	5.5	8,079	4.9
Transportation, Communications	6,691	4.1	6,648	4.0
& Utilities				
Wholesale Trade	4,033	2.5	3,780	2.3
Retail Trade	16,701	10.3	17,849	10.9
Information	3,832	2.6	4,038	2.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	11,331	7.0	11,439	7.0
Services (except domestic)	60,789	37.5	61,293	37.3
Government	35,321	21.8	36,899	22.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	147,659	91.3	150,025	91.5
TOTAL	162,118	100.0	164,323	100.0
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## LINCOLN SMSA (LANCASTER COUNTY LABOR FORCE DATA 1995-2004) (For the Calendar Year Indicated)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Civilian Labor Force	136,014	137,967	142,807	142,918	142,384	150,239	150,846	153,021	156,940	158,444
Unemployment	3,060	3,327	2,494	3,208	3,397	3,542	4,209	5,007	5,841	5,346
Percent of Labor Force	2.2	2.4	1.7	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.8	3.3	3.7	3.4
Employment	132,954	134,640	140,313	139,710	138,987	146,697	146,636	148,013	151,100	153,098
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Percent of Labor Force Unemployment	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.8

Source: State of Nebraska, Department of Labor

#### DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS LAST TEN YEARS

		Per Capita	School
Year	Population 1	Income 2	Enrollment 3
2004	238,750	\$	32,270
2003	235,565		31,889
2002	231,800	30,192	31,867
2001	225,588	29,383	31,581
2000	218,497	28,752	31,354
1999	217,537	28,493	31,052
1998	215,000	27,487	31,000
1997	209,192	24,602	30,924
1996	206,100	23,591	30,779
1995	203,076	22,446	30,693

#### Sources:

- 1 Lincoln/Lancaster Planning Department.
- 2 University of Nebraska Bureau of Business Research U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Per Capita Income for 2003 and 2004 is unavailable.
- 3 Lincoln Public Schools.

Median age from the 2000 census was 31.3. Education statistics per the 2000 Census indicate that 90.2% of the population 25 years and older has a high school degree or greater with 33% of the same population holding a Bachelor's degree or greater.

## LINCOLN UTILITY CUSTOMERS LAST TEN YEARS

	Water	Gas	Electricity
Year	Customers	Customers	Customers
2004	73,059	91,046	121,508
2003	72,260	89,642	119,456
2002	69,704	89,085	116,974
2001	68,187	87,749	114,388
2000	66,956	86,501	112,817
1999	65,823	85,156	110,524
1998	64,423	80,770	107,701
1997	63,905	79,490	105,970
1996	62,828	78,488	103,603
1995	61,500	77,470	101,277

Source: Indicated Utility Companies

### SELECTED FINANCIAL STATISTICS

## GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION $^{1}$ LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

			Streets	Culture		Health			
Fiscal	General	Public	And	And	Economic	And	Mass <sup>2</sup>	Debt	
Year	Government	Safety	Highways	Recreation	Opportunity	Welfare	Transit	Service	Totals
2004	\$ 30,884,544	55,272,920	13,633,902	22,298,283	14,728,510	17,068,105	10,525,090	7,914,521	172,325,875
2003	28,938,852	50,933,285	12,317,663	19,918,793	16,469,645	15,706,918	7,996,019	8,507,223	160,788,398
2002	27,237,134	49,913,169	10,833,055	16,974,798	14,017,601	15,513,515	12,691,837	7,411,878	154,592,987
2001	23,821,580	48,122,074	11,175,059	14,806,760	12,559,336	14,232,879	-	7,742,690	132,460,378
2000	23,529,495	44,042,882	9,039,840	13,958,414	11,204,029	12,589,907	-	7,924,295	122,288,862
1999	21,891,174	41,555,922	9,406,531	13,254,994	10,215,261	11,226,029	-	6,937,983	114,487,894
1998	30,170,768	41,140,827	8,992,439	13,111,328	12,009,990	10,979,131	-	7,317,239	123,721,722
1997	17,791,275	35,073,010	10,348,129	12,655,548	8,581,741	9,491,687	-	7,807,532	101,748,922
1996	21,642,981	35,208,168	8,204,830	12,475,318	8,638,263	8,874,148	-	7,468,367	102,512,075
1995	19,324,778	32,268,654	7,707,436	11,546,106	9,027,752	7,838,386	-	7,161,326	94,874,438

 $<sup>\</sup>overset{1}{2}$  Includes General, Special Revenue, and Debt Service Funds.  $\overset{2}{2}$  StarTran added as a Special Revenue Fund in 2002.

## GENERAL REVENUES BY SOURCE <sup>1</sup> LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Taxes And Special Assessment	Inter- Governmental	Permits And Fees	Reimbursement For Services	Investment Earnings	Other	Totals
2004 \$	107,138,062	58,198,328	15,593,326	6,322,870	2,092,341	8,812,613	198,157,540
2003	100,343,159	52,362,560	12,679,623	6,097,336	1,464,594	7,411,164	180,358,436
$2002^{2}$	98,375,135	58,762,476	12,449,879	5,605,557	2,018,695	10,548,354	187,760,096
2001	89,503,325	48,369,359	9,638,476	3,685,621	4,072,585	9,668,449	164,937,815
2000	86,831,572	35,469,904	9,838,028	3,360,901	3,955,026	9,228,060	148,683,491
1999	82,998,188	34,847,767	8,690,565	306,506	3,328,425	8,894,527	139,065,978
1998	79,200,331	40,261,744	8,040,655	2,603,350	3,525,748	10,363,736	143,995,564
1997	78,164,628	26,909,591	7,903,461	3,841,495	3,203,760	8,414,170	128,437,105
1996	75,624,598	27,398,828	7,587,645	3,012,387	2,891,696	9,518,249	126,033,403
1995	71,429,314	24,447,377	6,325,774	3,211,819	2,636,591	9,503,980	117,554,855

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{1}{2}$  Includes General, Special Revenue and Debt Service Funds. StarTran added as a Special Revenue Fund in 2002.

#### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS LAST TEN YEARS <sup>1</sup>

Fiscal Year Ended <u>August 31</u>	Special Assessment Collections Including Interest
2004	\$ 2,104,925
2003	1,814,191
2002	1,867,653
2001	1,796,924
2000	1,948,791
1999	2,359,812
1998	2,104,022
1997	2,390,085
1996	2,484,416
1995	2,337,275

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Special assessment collections are not tracked by levy year, therefore the portion of collections during any year which apply to any particular levy cannot be determined.

#### **Authority to Levy Taxes**

Article IX, Section 3 of the Home Rule Charter of the City provides that the City shall have power to levy a tax each year for general revenue purposes upon all property subject to taxation; provided that the maximum amount of taxes that can be levied by the City in any one year for general revenue purposes shall not exceed an amount known as the City tax limit. The City tax limit is a tax ceiling established by using the September 1, 1966 City dollar tax limit as an initial tax limit, and increasing that tax limit each year following 1966 by 7% so that in each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the City tax limit shall be the amount of the city tax limit for the previous year, plus 7% thereof. In addition, the City also has the power to levy taxes each year sufficient to pay any judgment existing against the City and the interest on bonded debt and the principal on any bonded debt maturing during the fiscal year or within six months thereafter, as well as taxes authorized by state law. The City is also authorized to receive all taxes collected and distributed pursuant to state law and in lieu of tax payments imposed by law. The 2004 tax levy for the 2004-2005 fiscal year is \$56,077,695 below the legal limit, a tax rate per \$100 valuation of .29498. The assessed value upon which the 2004 levy is based is \$13,138,516,226. Only 90% of the property tax levy may be appropriated, by charter.

For the 2004-2005 fiscal year the City is subject to a state imposed lid on the appropriation of "restricted funds", which are revenues received from property tax, sales tax, state aid, in-lieu of tax, municipal infrastructure redevelopment fund (MIRF), and highway allocation fees. Bonded indebtedness, capital improvements, and costs associated with interlocal agreements are exempt from the lid. For 2004-2005 the City can also use authority equal to the amount of real growth in the tax base of 3.1%. An additional 1% can be authorized by a 75% vote of the City Council but was not utilized for the 2004-2005 budget. The 2004-2005 budget is approximately \$12.0 million below the state imposed lid limit.

## PROPERTY TAX LEVIED AND COLLECTED LAST TEN YEARS

The fiscal year of the City begins September 1 and ends August 31. Taxes are levied in October. First installments of real estate taxes are delinquent the following April 1, second installments delinquent August 1; personal property taxes are delinquent April 1 and August 1. Delinquent taxes bear 14 percent interest. The figures below include interest and penalties.

Tax	Taxes		Collected As Of August 31 After Levy			Accumulated Collections As Of August 31, 2004		
Year	Levied	_	Amount	Percent		Amount	Percent	
2003 \$	36,994,112	\$	35,726,509	96.57 %	\$	35,726,509	96.57 %	
2002	35,007,926		33,676,453	96.20		34,989,546	99.95	
2001	33,731,282		32,501,760	96.35		33,828,374	100.29	
2000	31,159,364		29,936,079	96.07		31,144,936	99.95	
1999	29,603,794		28,665,780	96.83		29,760,955	100.53	
1998	27,597,664		26,411,546	95.70		27,510,509	99.68	
1997	26,812,692		25,758,577	96.07		26,975,466	100.61	
1996	27,022,949		25,894,971	95.83		26,962,580	99.78	
1995	26,717,464		25,626,901	95.92		26,807,504	100.34	
1994	26,289,058		25,209,483	95.89		26,295,625	100.02	

The figures below do not include motor vehicle in lieu of ad valorem taxes.

### TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS

Listed below are the ten largest taxpayers in the City of Lincoln as reported by the County Assessor. These taxpayers each pay less than five percent of the total taxes levied.

<u>Taxpayers</u>	Type Of Business	2004 Assessed <u>Valuations</u>	Percentage Of Total Assessed Valuation
Alltel Communications Kawasaki B & J Partnership Ltd. Ameritas Life Insurance Corp Chateau Van Dorn LLC Pfizer WEA Gateway LLC Burlington Northern Nebco Molex Inc.	Telecommunications Manufacturing Building Management Insurance Real Estate Development Animal Health Retail Management Railroad Construction/Development Manufacturing	\$ 75,992,780 72,057,508 59,575,597 51,123,462 46,094,352 44,443,827 44,293,300 43,686,201 37,492,237 37,414,408	.58% .55 .45 .39 .35 .34 .34 .33 .29 <u>.28</u>
		\$ 512,173,672	<u>3.90%</u>

#### CITY SALES TAX INFORMATION

The City had a one percent (1%) sales and use tax through June 30, 1985. Effective July 1, 1985 the sales and use tax was raised to one and one half percent (1.5%). These taxes are administered and collected for the City by the State of Nebraska. The State receives three percent (3%) for their service. The City has had a sales tax since 1969.

## SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTIONS LAST TEN YEARS

Year Ended August 31	<u>Amount</u>
2004	\$ 51,869,477
2003	48,657,268
2002	45,393,491
2001	44,486,127
2000	43,608,313
1999	41,642,771
1998	37,479,413
1997	36,549,194
1996	33,543,308
1995	31,420,946

## GENERAL FUND TAX COLLECTIONS LAST TEN YEARS

		Property and						
Fiscal		Motor Vehicle	Sales and	Insurance	Sundry	Taxes	Occupation	
Year	_	Taxes	Use Taxes	Taxes	Taxes	In Lieu	Taxes	Total
2004	\$	24,546,532	51,869,477		9,263	1,144,747	9,037,781	86,607,800
2003		22,780,085	48,657,268		10,876	1,199,507	8,831,712	81,479,448
2002		23,353,414	45,393,491		8,403	1,163,468	9,097,442	79,016,218
2001		20,284,364	44,486,127		8,497	1,107,183	5,889,097	71,775,268
2000		19,487,198	43,608,313		8,522	1,043,287	5,651,371	69,798,691
1999		20,741,154	41,642,771		17,516	1,080,495	5,721,321	69,203,257
1998		18,953,860	37,479,413	889,226	8,647	944,612	4,743,649	63,019,407
1997		19,642,898	36,549,194	921,550	14,903	960,260	4,783,841	62,872,646
1996		19,407,255	33,543,308	984,537	15,438	978,909	4,437,038	59,366,485
1995		19,565,473	31,420,946	958,656	20,132	943,930	5,311,487	58,220,624

## $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION} \\ \textbf{LAST TEN YEARS} \ ^1 \end{array}$

Tax Year	Real Estate	All Other	Motor Vehicle	Total
2004	\$ 12,421,799,720	716,716,506	-	13,138,516,226
2003	12,001,190,379	742,915,013	-	12,744,105,392
2002	10,350,628,778	779,959,389	-	11,130,588,167
2001	9,903,888,713	820,797,124	-	10,724,685,837
2000	8,814,516,041	806,431,814	-	9,620,947,855
1999	8,423,860,600	716,780,457	-	9,140,641,057
1998	7,859,292,010	660,609,204	-	8,519,901,214
1997	6,850,027,133	637,669,384	-	7,487,696,517
1996	6,516,782,050	525,762,951	706,470,078	7,749,015,079
1995	6,243,138,433	442,913,618	639,647,617	7,325,699,668

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Assessment is at 100% of actual. Effective in the 1997 tax year, Motor Vehicles are excluded from the taxable assessed valuation.

## TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVIES ALL OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS LAST TEN YEARS \*

	Tax Year										
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	
City Of Lincoln	0.2950	0.2903	0.3145	0.3145	0.3239	0.3239	0.3239	0.3581	0.3837	0.3996	
School District No. 1	1.3141	1.3041	1.2830	1.2732	1.3684	1.3813	1.3050	1.6308	1.6260	1.5946	
Lancaster County	0.2797	0.2683	0.2683	0.2583	0.2643	0.2584	0.2782	0.2966	0.3106	0.3169	
Educational Service Unit #18	0.0150	0.0150	0.0150	0.0150	0.0150	0.0150	0.0149	0.0089	0.0081	0.0082	
Community Technical College	0.0655	0.0655	0.0655	0.0636	0.0295	0.0334	0.0696	0.0782	0.0840	0.0864	
Lower Platte South Natural Res. Dist.	0.0323	0.0323	0.0359	0.0365	0.0367	0.0372	0.0389	0.0365	0.0346	0.0346	
Railroad Transportation Safety Dist.	0.0260	0.0248	0.0220	0.0221	0.0260	0.0260	0.0260	0.0260	0.0091	0.0096	
Agricultural Society Of Lancaster County	0.0020	0.0030	0.0012	0.0024	0.0073	0.0032	0.0013	0.0364	0.0364	0.0014	
Lancaster County Fairgrounds	0.0042	0.0043	0.0050	0.0052	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Public Building Commission	0.0170	0.0170	0.0170	0.0170	0.0170	0.0170	0.0170	0.0170	0.0169	0.0170	
	2.0508	2.0246	2.0274	2.0078	2.0881	2.0954	2.0748	2.4885	2.5094	2.4683	

 $<sup>^*</sup>$ The assessment rate is 100% of market and the levy is expressed as the tax per \$100 of estimated market value.

DEBT MANAGEMENT
OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2004
Long-term debt is comprised of the following individual issues (in thousands of dollars):

Original Amount	Issued	Issue	Interest Rate	When Due	Date Callable	Interest Date	0	utstanding
	bligation Bon			, Hen Buc				distancing
General Be								
8,250	08/15/97	Storm Sewer and Drainage	4.500 - 5.125	Ser. '99 to '17	2005	Semiannually	\$	6,735
14,435	03/01/99	Various Purpose Series A	3.000 - 4.600	Ser. '00 to '14	2009	"	Ψ	10,555
7,365	03/01/99	Various Purpose Series A	4.750	Term '15 to '19	2009	"		7,365
8,220	03/01/99	Various Purpose Series B	3.000 - 4.250	Ser. '99 to '11	2007	"		4,530
7,500	05/29/02	Storm Sewer and Drainage	3.000 - 5.000	Ser. '04 to '22	2010	"		7,500
15,595	06/24/03	Various Purpose	3.000 - 3.750	Ser. '04 to '17	2013	"		14,255
3,710	06/24/03	Various Purpose	4.000 - 4.125	Term '18 to '23	2013	"		3,710
35,000	03/03/04	Highway Allocation Fund	2.000 - 5.000	Term '07 to '23	2014	"		35,000
	Total Genera	al Bonds					\$	89,650
Municipal	Infrastructu	re Redevelopment Bonds:						
3,200	06/13/00	Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment	4.750 - 5.100	Ser. '01 to '09	2005	Semiannually	\$	2,090
Tax Alloca	tion Bonds:							
1,310	11/15/92	Tax Allocation Bonds	3.250 - 6.200	Ser. '93 to '06	1997	Semiannually	\$	225
105	11/15/92	Tax Allocation Bonds	6.350	Term '93 to '06	1997	"		35
90	11/15/92	Tax Allocation Bonds	6.300	Term '93 to '05	1997	"		25
303	10/18/94	Tax Allocation Bonds	8.000	Term '95 to '05	Anytime	"		59
232	04/21/00	Tax Allocation Bonds	6.390	Ser. '00 to '10	2000	"		156
42	06/01/03	Tax Allocation Bonds	4.060	Ser. '04 to '11	Anytime	"		40
1,035	04/06/04	Tax Allocation Bonds	2.000 - 3.200	Ser. '04 to '11	2008	"		1,035
5,500	04/07/04	Tax Allocation Bonds	3.000 - 4.800	Ser. '04 to '15	2010		ф.	5,500
		llocation Bonds al, MIRF, And Tax Allocation Bonds					<u>\$</u> \$	7,075 98,815
Special As	sessment Bon	ıds:						
3,860	11/15/89	Special Assessment Revolving	5.900 - 6.850	Ser. '90 to '04	1996	Semiannually	\$	100
	TOTAL GE	NERAL OBLIGATION BONDS					\$	98,915
Tax-Suppo	orted Revenu	e Bonds:						
11,080	2/27/02	Antelope Valley Project	1.500 - 5.000	Ser. '02 to '16	2012	Semiannually	\$	10,255
Revenue B	onds:							
11,850	11/22/02	Water Revenue	2.750 - 5.000	Ser. '05 to '17	2012	Semiannually	\$	11,850
6,660	11/22/02	Water Revenue	5.000	Term '18 to '22	2012	"		6,660
32,180		Water Revenue	5.000	Ser. '04 to '12	-	"		29,065
	Total Water	Bonds					\$	47,575
15,765	08/01/03	Wastewater Revenue	2.000 - 5.000	Ser. '04 to '23	2013	Semiannually	\$	14,015
39,235	08/01/03	Wastewater Revenue	4.625 - 5.000	Ser. '04 to '28	2013	Semiannually		39,235
							\$	53,250
6,815	09/08/99	Parking Revenue Series A	4.000 - 5.000	Ser. '00 to '09	2009	Semiannually	\$	5,055
6,695	09/08/99	Parking Revenue Series A	5.375	Term '10 to '14	2009	"	_	6,695
6,000	12/05/01	Parking Revenue	3.750 - 5.125	Ser.'02 to '21	2011	"		5,290
	Total Parkin	g Bonds					\$	17,040
3,165	10/23/01	Golf Course Revenue Refunding	2.300 - 4.050	Ser. '02 to '11	2008	Semiannually	\$	2,290
45,560	02/15/98	Electric Revenue Bonds '98 Series A	4.500 - 5.000	Ser. '98 to '18	2008	"		36,555
141,150	08/15/01	Electric Revenue Bonds '01	4.000 - 5.250	Ser. '06 to '20	2011	"		141,150
148,190	10/01/02	Electric Revenue Bonds '02	4.000 - 5.000	Ser. '04 to '25	2012	"		148,190
93,045	10/01/03	Electric Revenue Bonds '03	3.000 - 5.000	Ser. '04 to '26	2014	"		93,045
33,265	10/01/03	Electric Revenue Bonds '03	4.750	Term '28	2014	"		33,265
	Total Electri	ic Bonds					\$	452,205
	TOTAL RE	VENUE BONDS					\$	572,360

The annual requirements to pay principal and interest on all outstanding debt are as follows (in thousands of dollars):

Fiscal	_	Governmental Activities									
Year Ended		General Oblig	gation Bonds	Special Asses	sment Bonds	Tax-Supported F	Revenue Bonds	Capital Leases			
August 31		Principal Interest		Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest		
2005	\$	4,736	4,430	100	3	565	423	375	293		
2006		4,809	3,971	-	-	580	409	543	285		
2007		4,485	3,798	-	-	595	392	515	272		
2008		4,737	3,632	-	-	615	372	537	259		
2009		5,604	3,453	-	-	635	350	546	242		
2010 - 2014		26,584	14,023	-	-	3,575	1,334	2,563	930		
2015 - 2019		28,530	7,652	-	-	3,690	335	1,811	461		
2020 - 2024	_	19,330	2,163					895	89		
	\$	98,815	43,122	100	3	10,255	3,615	7,785	2,831		

Fiscal			Business-Ty	pe Activities	
Year Ended		Revenue	e Bonds	Capital	Leases
August 31		<b>Principal</b>	<u>Interest</u>	<b>Principal</b>	<u>Interest</u>
2005	\$	19,915	27,188	418	60
2006		17,730	26,840	432	44
2007		18,515	26,106	323	26
2008		22,200	25,258	333	12
2009		23,175	24,271	23	3
2010 - 2014		121,265	104,229	25	1
2015 - 2019		144,935	72,831	-	-
2020 - 2024		114,195	36,381	-	-
2025 - 2029	_	90,430	13,240		
	\$ _	572,360	356,344	1,554	146

The City issues general obligation, special assessment, and revenue bonds to finance the acquisition and construction of major capital assets. Bonded indebtedness has also been entered into to advance refund several general obligation and revenue bonds. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the government. Special assessment bonds are repaid from amounts levied against affected property owners, but in the unlikely event collections are not sufficient to make debt payments, the responsibility rests with the City to meet that obligation. For revenue bonds the government pledges income derived from the acquired or constructed assets to pay the debt service.

Net assets of \$6,910,648, \$3,187,150, \$5,233,865, and \$7,344,884 are currently available in the debt service funds to service the General Obligation Bonds, Tax Supported Bonds, Tax Allocation Bonds, and Special Assessment Bonds, respectively. Revenue Bonds are funded partially from reserve accounts set up for debt repayment and partially from proceeds of daily operations.

The City has entered into lease agreements for financing the acquisition of land, buildings, emergency ambulances and defibrillators, and computer equipment and software. These lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of their future minimum lease payments as of the inception date. Assets acquired through capital leases are as follows:

	-	Governmental Activities	,	Business-Type Activities
Land	\$	42,000	\$	210,000
Buildings		6,350,750		-
Machinery and Equipment		206,597		2,297,420
Less Accumulated Depreciation,				
(where applicable)		(707,413)		(779,171)
Total	\$	5,891,934	\$	1,728,249

Under the City's Home Rule Charter, there is no legal debt margin. The various bond indentures contain significant limitations and restrictions on annual debt service requirements, minimum amounts to be maintained in various bond reserve funds, and minimum revenue bond coverages.

Established by City Ordinance, LES may borrow up to \$125 million under a commercial paper note program. At December 31, 2003, LES had \$90.2 million of tax exempt commercial paper notes outstanding. The notes mature at various dates but not more than 270 days after the date of issuance. The weighted-average interest rate for the year ended December 31, 2003, was 1.1 percent. The annual requirement to pay interest on this outstanding debt is approximately \$992,,000. The outstanding commercial paper notes are secured by a revolving credit agreement which provides for borrowings up to \$125 million. LES pays a commitment fee for the credit agreement. Under the terms of the agreement LES refinances the commercial paper upon maturity.

The general obligation debt of all local governmental units which provide services within the City's boundaries and which debt must be borne by properties in the City (commonly called overlapping debt) as of August 31, 2004, is summarized below (unaudited):

		Percentage	Direct And
	Net Debt	Applicable	Overlapping Debt
<u>Units</u>	Outstanding	To The City	To The City
Direct:			
City	\$ 78,406,000	100.0 %	\$ 78,406,000
Overlapping:			
School District #1	110,610,000	97.2	107,513,000
Airport Authority	5,358,000	100.0	5,358,000
Lancaster County	11,481,000	84.6	9,713,000
Public Building Commission	37,815,000	84.6	31,991,000
Southeast Community College	None	35.9	None
	165,264,000		154,575,000
Total	\$ 243,670,000		\$ 232,981,000

The City has no direct liability for the School District, Airport Authority, Lancaster County, or Southeast Community College debt summarized above. This results in a per capita direct City debt of \$328.40; a per capita direct and overlapping debt of \$975.84; a ratio of direct City debt to 2004 actual valuation of .60 percent; and a ratio of direct and overlapping debt to 2004 actual valuation of 1.77 percent.

#### **Debt Payment Record**

The City of Lincoln has never defaulted on its obligation to pay principal or interest on its indebtedness.

#### **Contingencies**

The City is a defendant in a number of lawsuits in its normal course of operations and management is of the opinion that ultimate settlement of such lawsuits will not have a materially adverse effect on the financial statements.

#### RATIO OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL BONDED DEBT TO TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS 2

									Rat	tio Of
								Total	Debt	Service
						Total		General	To	Total
Fiscal				3		Debt		Governmental	Ge	neral
Year	_	Principal	_	Interest	_	Service	_	Expenditures 1, 4	Expe	nditures
2004	\$	4,934,224	\$	2,893,437	\$	7,827,661	\$	172,325,875		4.54 %
2003		5,435,370		2,986,634		8,422,004		160,788,398		5.24
2002		4,921,172		2,421,303		7,342,475		154,592,987		4.75
2001		4,966,405		2,753,247		7,719,652		132,460,378		5.83
2000		5,125,296		2,772,021		7,897,317		122,288,862		6.46
1999		4,209,267		2,301,745		6,511,012		114,487,894		5.69
1998		4,927,317		2,329,696		7,257,013		123,721,722		5.87
1997		5,469,089		2,274,947		7,744,036		101,748,922		7.61
1996		4,959,621		2,445,185		7,404,806		102,512,075		7.22
1995		4,827,845		2,086,601		6,914,446		94,874,438		7.29

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes: General, Special Revenue, and Debt Service Funds

<sup>2</sup> In-substance defeasance excluded from this table.
3 Does not include fiscal and miscellaneous charges.
4 StarTran added as Special Revenue Fund in 2002.

## SCHEDULE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT IN RELATION TO POPULATION, ASSESSED VALUATION, AND REAL PROPERTY VALUATION LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

															Ratio Of
						Net						Ratio Of			Net Debt
		General				General			Net G.O.		Assessed	Net Debt		Assessed	To Estimated
		Obligation				Obligation			Bonded		Valuation	To Assessed		Valuation	Valuation
Fiscal		Bonded		Sinking		Bonded			Debt Per		Real And 2	Valuation		Of Taxable 2	Of Taxable
Year	_	Debt	_	Funds	_	Debt	Population	1	Capita	_	Personal	Real & Personal	_	Real Property	Real Property
2004	\$	98,915,000	\$	20,509,000	\$	78,406,000	238,750	\$	328.40	\$	13,138,516,226	0.60 %	\$	12,421,799,720	0.63 %
2003		61,759,000		17,083,000		44,676,000	235,565		189.65		12,744,105,392	0.35		12,001,190,379	0.37
2002		56,997,000		15,847,000		41,150,000	231,800		177.52		11,130,588,167	0.37		10,350,628,778	0.40
2001		54,418,000		11,243,000		43,175,000	225,588		191.39		10,724,685,837	0.40		9,903,888,713	0.44
2000		58,814,000		9,739,000		49,075,000	218,497		224.60		9,620,947,855	0.51		8,814,516,041	0.56
1999		60,508,000		12,182,000		48,326,000	217,537		222.15		9,140,641,057	0.53		8,423,860,600	0.57
1998		40,492,000		17,707,000		22,785,000	215,000		105.98		8,519,901,214	0.27		7,859,292,010	0.29
1997		47,665,000		16,121,000		31,544,000	209,192		150.79		7,487,696,517	0.42		6,850,027,133	0.46
1996		44,885,000		14,529,594		30,355,406	206,100		147.28		7,749,015,079	0.39		6,516,782,050	0.47
1995		49,573,000		13,486,759		36,086,241	203,076		177.70		7,325,699,668	0.49		6,243,138,433	0.58

<sup>1</sup> Source: Lincoln/Lancaster Planning Department.

## REVENUE BOND COVERAGE LAST TEN FISCAL YEAR

		Gross	Direct Operating	Net Revenue Available		Debt Service R	laquiraments	
		Revenue	Expenses	For Debt Service	Principal	Interest	Total	Coverage
W	-							
Wastewater 2004	System \$	19,071,798	10,042,919	9,028,879	2,832,500	2,348,176	5,180,676	1.74
2003	Ψ	15,785,843	9,086,469	6,699,374	1,032,500	266,722	1,299,222	5.16
2003		15,785,845	8,632,287	7,099,462	992,500	316,847	1,309,347	5.42
2001		16,663,975	8,087,688	8,576,287	952,500	364,972	1,317,472	6.51
2000		16,741,692	7,707,242	9,034,450	912,500	411,097	1,323,597	6.83
1999		16,286,632	7,707,242	8,694,642	1,255,000	474,743	1,729,743	5.03
1998		15,873,036	7,512,753	8,360,283	1,217,500	554,216	1,771,716	4.72
1997		15,521,150	7,339,135	8,182,015	1,120,000	627,402	1,747,402	4.68
1996		15,158,461	7,082,660	8,075,801	1,070,000	677,886	1,747,886	4.62
1995		14,978,232	6,785,101	8,193,131	1,020,000	728,840	1,748,840	4.68
W. C.								
Water Syste		22 040 062	12 477 406	10.462.276	6.070.000	4.226.402	10.506.402	1.00
2004 2003	\$	22,940,862 21,533,965	12,477,486 11,631,496	10,463,376 9,902,469	6,270,000 3,010,000	4,236,493 2,898,489	10,506,493 5,908,489	1.00 1.68
2003		22,687,789	11,474,433				4,990,590	2.25
2002		22,287,139	10,960,315	11,213,356 11,326,824	2,880,000 2,755,000	2,110,590 2,240,075	4,990,390	2.23
2001		23,823,957	9,812,147	14,011,810	2,733,000	2,361,515	5,001,515	2.27
1999		20,787,797	9,812,147	11,720,535	2,530,000	2,514,373	5,044,373	2.32
1999		21,009,615	9,067,262 8,894,295	12,115,320	2,330,000	2,514,575	5,056,365	2.32
1998		20,426,318	8,161,529	12,113,320	2,345,000	2,730,407	5,030,303	2.40
1997		20,420,318	8,072,097	12,204,789	2,343,000	2,730,407	5,073,407	2.42
1995		20,132,071	7,622,280	12,844,963	2,195,000	2,963,950	5,158,950	2.37
Parking Fac	ATTICIOS .	1, 2						
2004	\$	6,271,131	2,733,492	3,537,639	1,145,000	908,456	2,053,456	1.72
2003		5,988,240	2,304,632	3,683,608	1,085,000	962,829	2,047,829	1.80
2002		5,483,546	1,964,389	3,519,157	1,115,000	924,470	2,039,470	1.73
2001		5,172,264	2,127,350	3,044,914	795,000	787,419	1,582,419	1.92
2000		4,853,708	1,393,637	3,460,071	455,000	761,521	1,216,521	2.84
1999		4,209,988	2,329,165	1,880,823	585,000	640,712	1,225,712	1.53
1998		4,068,991	1,340,709	2,728,282	455,000	651,694	1,106,694	2.47
1997		3,623,705	1,110,085	2,513,620	435,000	670,847	1,105,847	2.27
1996		3,411,735	1,271,655	2,140,080	415,000	908,380	1,323,380	1.62
1995		3,205,953	1,025,468	2,180,485	400,000	483,214	883,214	2.47

<sup>1</sup> Includes parking meter revenues that were deposited to the General Fund but are pledged per bond ordinance.

<sup>2</sup> Assessed valuation is 100% of actual.

<sup>2</sup> Information in this table does not agree with information in the transmittal letter of the City's CAFR because that information is calculated in accordance with specific requirements of the bond covenants.

# CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA GENERAL FUND SUMMARY CASH FLOW STATEMENT - CASH BASIS FOR LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	F.Y. 1995	F.Y. 1996	F.Y. 1997	F.Y. 1998	F.Y. 1999	F.Y. 2000	F.Y. 2001	F.Y. 2002	F.Y. 2003	F.Y. 2004
Cash & Investment Balance - September 1 of Year Indicated	13,711,860	17,986,481	20,599,597	26,542,206	22,742,585	25,069,133	26,814,745	24,802,768	26,589,993	26,784,845
Receipts:										
Property Tax	19,566,778	19,400,997	19,642,898	18,953,860	20,741,154	19,487,198	20,284,364	23,353,414	22,780,085	24,546,532
City Sales & Use Tax	31,420,946	33,543,308	36,549,194	37,479,413	41,642,771	43,608,313	44,486,127	45,393,492	48,657,268	51,869,477
Other Income	19,455,828	20,709,728	18,708,672	19,373,404	19,991,222	21,339,093	21,786,016	26,342,414	24,933,838	23,615,320
Total Receipts	70,443,552	73,654,033	74,900,764	75,806,677	82,375,147	84,434,604	86,556,507	95,089,320	96,371,191	100,031,329
Less Disbursements	66,168,931	71,040,917	68,958,155	79,606,298	80,048,599	82,688,992	88,568,484	93,302,095	96,176,339	103,295,044
Cash & Investment Balance - August 31 of Year Indicated	17,986,481	20,599,597	26,542,206	22,742,585	25,069,133	26,814,745	24,802,768	26,589,993	26,784,845	23,521,130

# CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA GENERAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND DEBT SERVICE FUND SUMMARY CASH FLOW STATEMENT - CASH BASIS FOR LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	F.Y. 1995	F.Y. 1996	F.Y. 1997	F.Y. 1998	F.Y. 1999	F.Y. 2000	F.Y. 2001	F.Y. 2002	F.Y. 2003	F.Y. 2004
Cash Balance - September 1 of Year Indicated	3,006,570	3,705,634	3,748,493	4,000,777	3,682,098	3,536,402	3,313,405	3,099,198	3,440,537	2,935,997
Receipts:										
Property Tax	4,435,594	4,325,012	4,350,593	4,461,628	4,475,066	5,843,384	5,814,489	6,340,938	5,883,592	5,387,468
Interest Income	67,073	151,746	166,270	236,658	145,534	174,146	107,693	53,873	32,298	48,595
Bond Proceeds					189,482				9,436,083	
Other Income	147,490	216,570	656,811	116,996	54,475	247,591	235,736	232,009	240,110	691,340
Total Receipts	4,650,157	4,693,328	5,173,674	4,815,282	4,864,557	6,265,121	6,157,918	6,626,820	15,592,083	6,127,403
Disbursements:										
Bonds Paid	2,809,007	2,801,208	3,158,769	3,304,097	2,725,042	3,973,769	4,052,948	4,137,254	4,177,765	3,215,000
Bonds Defeased									9,609,774	
Interest Paid	1,482,193	1,835,496	1,756,656	1,817,400	1,955,821	2,500,471	2,308,922	2,144,322	2,309,084	2,271,548
Transfer to Trustee					164,400					
Other Disbursements	13,281	13,765	5,965	12,464	164,990	13,878	10,255	3,905		6,295
Total Disbursements	4,304,481	4,650,469	4,921,390	5,133,961	5,010,253	6,488,118	6,372,125	6,285,481	16,096,623	5,492,843
Equity Transfer	353,388									
Cash Balance - August 31 of Year Indicated	3,705,634	3,748,493	4,000,777	3,682,098	3,536,402	3,313,405	3,099,198	3,440,537	2,935,997	3,570,557

#### CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVOLVING FUND SUMMARY CASH FLOW STATEMENT - CASH BASIS FOR LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	F.Y. 1995	F.Y. 1996	F.Y. 1997	F.Y. 1998	F.Y. 1999	F.Y. 2000	F.Y. 2001	F.Y. 2002	F.Y. 2003	F.Y. 2004
Cash & Investment Balance - September 1 of Year Indicated	6,746,441	6,053,742	4,855,959	5,150,392	5,357,118	5,003,362	4,964,458	3,778,207	6,586,633	6,910,967
Receipts:										
Special Assessment Collections	1,883,342	2,080,536	1,972,082	1,818,743	1,992,503	1,638,233	1,529,352	1,360,347	1,271,575	1,654,695
Interest on Special Assessments	453,933	403,880	418,003	285,279	367,309	310,558	257,157	294,839	346,725	267,298
City's Share of Costs	1,608,296	203,943	161,620		2,038,202	895,961	2,516,175	2,145,574	97,107	116,009
Developers' Share of Costs		14,163	40,508	685,754	75,572		473,445	4,617		
Bond Proceeds										
Interest on Investments	259,639	312,003	253,112	341,581	241,768	286,460	219,536	137,143	130,555	140,289
Miscellaneous	67,011	583	4,134		244,724	993,245	144,005	474,438	195,535	288,482
Total Receipts	4,272,221	3,015,108	2,849,459	3,131,357	4,960,078	4,124,457	5,139,670	4,416,958	2,041,497	2,466,773
Disbursements:										
Construction Costs	3,018,759	2,408,261	703,170	1,637,987	2,333,433	2,338,999	3,646,025	1,090,434	1,560,456	1,399,323
Bonds Paid	1,105,000	1,170,000	1,115,000	1,105,000	785,000	770,000	270,000	110,000	105,000	105,000
SID Warrants										
Interest Paid on Bonds & Notes	342,607	285,745	225,544	167,055	110,155	67,293	39,438	24,762	17,534	10,420
Other Refunds & Expenses	498,554	348,886	511,312	14,589	2,085,246	987,069	2,370,458	383,336	34,173	32,495
Total Disbursements	4,964,920	4,212,892	2,555,026	2,924,631	5,313,834	4,163,361	6,325,921	1,608,532	1,717,163	1,547,238
Cash & Investment Balance -										
August 31 of Year Indicated	6,053,742	4,855,959	5,150,392	5,357,118	5,003,362	4,964,458	3,778,207	6,586,633	6,910,967	7,830,502